

Abstract

An electrical box is provided that is easily adaptable for ganging to an adjacent electrical box. The electrical box includes only two parts: a body member and a hermaphroditic side wall that is doubled to provide the two side walls. In particular, the electrical box includes a body member having a pair of opposed side walls, a rear wall contiguously formed between the pair of opposed side walls, a pair of opposed guides bounding the body member and integrally formed therewith, and a pair of opposed tabs disposed between the pair of opposed side walls and integrally formed on the pair of opposed guides. Each hermaphroditic side wall, includes a detachably coupled portion spaced from the opposed guides and for permitting lateral access between the electrical box and the adjacent electrical box when the detachably coupled portion is removed and the electrical box is ganged to the adjacent electrical box, a pair of opposed retention members disposed on the side wall that each have adjacent longitudinal slots for slidably receiving one of the pair of opposed guides within one of the adjacent longitudinal slots when the side wall is inserted into the body member, a pair of opposed flanges integrally formed with the pair of opposed retention members and having an aperture disposed therein, a pair of opposed stop members integrally formed with the pair of opposed retention members for adding rigidity to the side wall when inserted into the body member and for abutting one of the pair of opposed guides of the body member, a pair of laterally-spaced brackets disposed on at least one side of the side wall for abutting one of the opposed guides of the body member and for adding rigidity to the side wall when inserted into the body member, and a coupling aperture disposed in the side wall for receiving one of the pair of opposed tabs therein when the side wall is inserted into the body member such that the side wall is releasably secured to the body member.